

*Status:* Active

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*Start Date:* 1/96

*End Date:*

*Purpose:*

The proposed definition of technical assistance is assistance, other than financial assistance, that the Secretary of Energy can provide that is unique to the Department to aid training that will cover procedures for the safe, routine transportation and emergency response situations during the transport of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste to a repository or MRS pursuant to the NWRPA, including, but not limited to, the provision of training materials, the provision of public information materials, and access to individuals involved in the shipments.

(as of 1/97): Total comments received, 38 on the January 3, 1995 NOI; 13 comments on the July 18, 1995 NOI, Supplemental Information; and 41 comments on the May 16, 1996 Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures. The comment period ended September 30, 1996. All comments are being reviewed and the Final Policy and Procedures is scheduled to be issued June 30, 1997.

(as of 7/97): The Department received 43 comments in response to the May 16, 1996 Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures. Based on the comments received and further research by the Department, a revised Proposed Policy and Procedures is scheduled to be issued for comment by July 15, 1997. The Department plans to publish, in early 1998, a Notice of Final Policy and Procedures.

(as of 1/98): A revised Proposed Policy and Procedures was issued for comment on July 15, 1997. The Department received 19 responses during the comment period July 17 - September 15, 1997. The Department plans to publish, in Spring 1998, a Revised Proposed Policy and Procedures.

(as of 7/98): The Department published a Revised Proposed Policy and Procedures in April 1998. The two significant changes to the Policy and Procedures included the provision of a \$150, 000.00 planning grant in TY-4 to eligible jurisdictions and including the incremental cost of training for the inspection of rail shipments as an allowable cost. Currently, there is not a schedule for issuance of a Final Policy and Procedures. The Policy and Procedures will remain in draft form until program progress or legislation provides definitive guidance as to when shipments will commence.

(as of 12/98): See previous update; no changes to Task Plan at this time. The latest revision to the Proposed Policy and Procedures will be kept in draft form until a definitive date for NWRPA shipments can be determined based on progress regarding the suitability of a site for a repository or enactment of legislation for early waste acceptance.

(as of 7/99): See previous update; no changes to Task Plan at this time. The latest revision to the Proposed Policy and Procedures will be kept in draft form until a definitive date for NWRPA shipments can be determined based on progress regarding the suitability of a site for a repository or enactment of legislation for early waste acceptance.

*Milestones:*

1/96	Task Proposed
7/96	Draft task plan completed
5/96	Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures
7/97	Revised Notice of Proposed Policy and Procedures
4/98	Notice of Revised Proposed Policy and Procedures

*Comments:* This task was formerly identified as I-A.1 Develop Policy and Implementation Procedures for Section 180(c), Nuclear Waste Policy Act Requirements